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Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M St. NW
Washington, D.C.

REFERENCE: MM Docket 93-48

Dear Secretary:

I am concerned that the family hour concept has been dropped from 8:00 to 9:00 p.m. Children are involved in scouts, sports, dance, music, and other activities after school. They also have homework to complete. By the time they finish these activities, they like to watch a show or two before going to bed. Young children may be in bed by 8:00 p.m. But elementary and middle school children are not. There is not much of a selection for these children. Not everyone subscribes to the Disney channel. By 8:00 p.m., Nickelodeon's reruns of black and white shows such as I Love Lucy and Dick Van Dyke do not appeal to these children. They like to watch children of the 90's. Many children loved to watch Full House which has been dropped from the 8:00 hour. I don't believe young children should become more "comfortable" with the "coarse" language they hear. They do not hear this type of language within their homes or schools. If you believe the African proverb, "It takes a whole village to educate a child", then we all need to help in the value system of America. Public television should be for all people. People who want "coarse language, sex, and violence" can wait until 10:00 or use their VCR machine. We can't expect parents and schools to keep fighting society's influences and turn out children who are self-reliant, caring individuals. Please help us. These children are tomorrow's future.

Sincerely,

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COMMISSION
1919 M Street N.W.
Suite 814
Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: MMDOCT 93-48

As a parent of an eleven year-old child, I am concerned with what I am seeing on television during the so called "Family Hour." Our children are seeing more and more violence, promiscuity, and vulgarity, to just mention a few, during Prime-Time TV. The children are being brainwashed into thinking this type of behavior is acceptable. Is this the type of society we want future generations to inherit? Something has to be done now, and it is up to you, our representatives, to act in the public's behalf.

I, therefore, want to see action taken to enforce regulations to enforce the Children's TV-Act.


Mr. Jose A. Garcia
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Mr. Reed Hunt, Director
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Mr. Hunt

These remarks are in reference to MM Docket 93-48 and our understanding that you want public input regarding putting "teeth" in the 1990 Children's Television Act.

We want accountability from the television industry--producers and sponsors--for the long-term effects of their programs on viewers, particularly children.

Television should educate, entertain, and challenge our concepts of what it is to be truly human. It should educate by providing factual information which evokes curiosity, engages the intellect, and provides data to inform decisions.

Much of the time, we do not watch commercial television, often an insult to civility, structured as it often is of excessive violence of all sorts, crude humor, and without redeeming qualities.

Sincerely yours

Kyle H. Fowler
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From: <exabyte!smtp!link!stephani@uunet.uu.net>
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Subject: MM Docket 93-48

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I am very concerned about the lack of quality children's program on TV. I think that it is a great idea to require a minimum amount of educational programming per day. You have my approval and support for MM Docket 93-48.

P.S. I am the mother of a three year old.
Stephanie Gee
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FCC
Office of the Secretary
1919 M Street NW
Washington, DC 20554

Secretary,

Please include my letter in your decision regarding requiring television broadcasters to improve and increase programming for children.

As a mother of 5 grown children, now parents themselves, I would like to say that when my children were young there was the dawning of programs such as Sesame Street added to Mr. Rogers and others. Of course, at that time (early 60's), television was not viewed as extensively as now. I reviewed these programs before and during my children watched them, the programs were educational and gave expressions of feelings and good "social" messages. The Barney show gives similar lessons.

Yet, programming today is too violent, too sexually explicit (too early in the evenings), too little good, challenging, educational programs. Of course, this excludes PPS programming. I am concerned that even that source is declining with the congress wanting to lower, cut out completely their funds.

Our children are our future! Their readiness to bring us into the next century as educated, "moral" well informed citizens is critical. **TV as a mass media almost constantly on in most homes needs to be more responsible, concerned, sensitive and committed to young people in our Country. If broadcasters cannot "regulate" themselves, then it is your commission that must put forth the guidelines to protect our children's future.**

Thank you for the good work your commission does. Please do your very best to support and protect our children.

Sincerely,

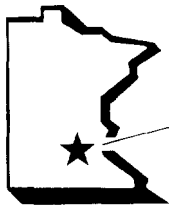

Pauline Romano

Grandmother of 9 wonderful children

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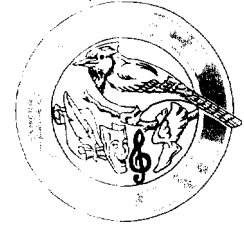


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Secretary, FCC
1919 M Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20559

Dear Secretary:

Please allow me a brief moment to express my outrage and concern over what is allowed on TV for our children's viewing. The violence and sexual explicitness seems to go unchecked during prime time viewing for our very young.

Is it not time that we forced our broadcasters to provide quality programming for the young people of this country? We sit back and wring our hands over the violence in our country, but allow TV to broadcast into our homes every conceivable violent act imaginable for our young people to see.

How about putting some teeth into the Children's Television Act of 1990 and require every broadcaster to present a certain amount of educational programming for children every day between 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m.

We implore you to do something for the benefit of the young people in this country. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Francis Heinen
Superintendent of Schools

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Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
Attn: William Caton
1919 M. Street N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

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Dear Sir:

As a mother of four children, teenagers and older, I take special concern for the content of radio and television input to my family.

For this reason, I appeal to you to take courage and stand against the use of radio to communicate sexually explicit language by their hosts. I am a widow and work very hard to maintain a high standard of morals and family values to my children. But when they become teenagers, I cannot stand alone in protecting them from filthy mouthed, filthy minded people who can obtain license to talk language that not many years ago would have been offensive in any mixed crowd anywhere.

My three sons watched me recently at a professional football game stand up to young man in front of me who spoke the most offensive sexual language one can hear. It is my job to do that! It is your job to do the same in your place of responsibility.

Please refuse to renew licenses to radio stations WBGG FM 105.9 in Miami, WIOD AM 610 in Miami, and WTKS FM 104.1 in Orlando and any other stations in Florida who continue to broadcast material that should never be permitted in public communication.

Sincerely,

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CitizenLetter

November 4, 1995

Commissioner Rachelle Chong
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Washington, DC 20554

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Dear Commissioner Rachelle Chong,

As someone who cares about the future of our children, I am writing to urge you to strengthen the guidelines for the Children's Television Act (CTA), currently being considered under MM Docket No. 93-48.

I am concerned that in the absence of tougher standards, broadcasters will continue to fill the airwaves with rubbish and skirt the intent of the Act by submitting shows such as "G.I. Joe" and "Super Mario Brothers" as educational and informative.

As you know, the CTA is a product of 20 years of hard work by parents, children's advocates and concerned citizens. Yet since its passage, we have all been frustrated and disappointed by the failure of broadcasters to reach the CTA's intended goal of significantly increasing the amount of children's educational programming.

You now have the opportunity to make that goal a reality.

Please vote for more substantive and meaningful implementation of the Children's Television Act. America's kids are counting on you.

Sincerely,

DENISE KLOSINSKI

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